
Appendix G
Department of Education
Office of Personnel Management
InternNet*

Under the Access America for Students initiative, “***InternNet***” will focus on the variety of student employment opportunities available at the federal level. Federal agencies offer a diverse number of paid and unpaid student internship programs that provide opportunities for thousands of high school, technical, vocational, 2 or 4 year college or university, and graduate or professional school students in a wide variety of areas. While these programs are individually successful, students who try to find federal internship and other student employment program opportunities confront a fragmented, confusing and time consuming process. Inquiries must be made on an agency by agency basis. ***InternNet*** will present a more customer-focused, efficient and cost effective way to reach potential student applicants. Through an online gateway from the ***students.gov*** web site to ***usajobs.opm.gov***, ***InternNet*** will provide current and prospective students in America with one-stop electronic shopping for information on federal student employment opportunities.

InternNet will consist of four integrated components: 1) a comprehensive, searchable data base of available federal student employment opportunities; 2) a job profiling feature that will register student job interest profiles and send email notice of matching job postings; 3) an electronic entry process for federal agency entry of student employment listings; and 4) a comprehensive hyperlink gateway to all existing federal web sites that provide information on government internship and other employment opportunities. The ***InternNet*** student employment application will be developed in partnership between the U.S. Department of Education, the Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Department of Labor. ***InternNet*** will reside on and be hosted by the Office of Personnel Management’s ***USAJOBS*** employment information delivery and job entry systems. The ***InternNet*** component on ***USAJOBS*** will capitalize on the following innovative uses of information technology to deliver faster, more efficient and accessible internship information to postsecondary students:

- I. simple push technology,
- II. smart agent search technology,
- III. client profiling technology, and
- IV. remote content update technology.

The Labor Department is looking at how to incorporate into ***InternNet*** the private-sector internship opportunities posted in America’s Job Bank. ***InternNet*** will also explore local and state government participation in the new system. This would allow ***InternNet*** to offer true “one-stop” shopping for all public and private-sector internship opportunities.

*The “***InternNet***” name may be changed to something more reflective of the broader scope of student employment opportunities.